



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David F. BUSH *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/692,412

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For: Plant Polymorphic Markers and
Uses Thereof

Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: C. Switzer

Atty. Docket: 16517.127

Conf. No.: 6988

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for filing an Appeal Brief be extended two (2) months from October 26, 2003 to December 26, 2003, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$420.00 for a one (1) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$420 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is given to charge the statutory fee of \$420.00 for a two-month extension of time to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.127. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those provided herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.127. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures